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CREATING CIVIC VIRTUE

Governor Boyle arrogates to himself the position of a fashionable arbiter who would have everything conform to his individual sense of the eternal fitness of things. He does not recognize the right of anybody else to differ from him in his ideals and he is insisting on others conforming strictly to his narrow ideas of what is right or wrong. A majority of the citizens of Nevada have expressed their desire to legalize the greatest form of manly sport by offering an opening for boxing contests that would bring thousands of dollars to this state and furnish examples for building up the physique of the rising generation. The governor has vetoed the boxing bill for the sole reason that he does not like to rub against those who attend such events and whom he says, pollute the moral atmosphere of the narrow environment in which he exists. As a shocker for the unattainable he overlooks moral ills right under his nose and goes gadding for the exemplars of a manly sport which has the endorsement of the army, navy and war activities. In declaring the boxing game as an outlaw he is at variance with the most advanced thinkers of the athletic and medical world who agree that there is nothing harmful to the morals of a people in exhibitions which form the staple entertainment of red blooded men of the army and navy. Throwing the cloak of respectability around his shoulders the governor shuts his eyes to the incontrovertible fact that the best disciplining movement of the army camps has been the boxing contests conducted by well known exemplars of morality, many of whom wear the chaplain's cross on their uniforms and who unite unanimously in saying there was never a better upholder of men than the sport of boxing. One eloquent feature of the success of the Knights of Columbus in entering to the wants of the soldiers and sailors was the presence of so many former boxing champions in their lists of secretaries. These men, whose calling was approved by the army and navy departments, represented one-third of the total number of field workers wearing the uniform of the Knights of Columbus. These men were not slackers either for they were assigned to their respective stations through the good offices of General Pershing and his staff who recognized the wonderful influence these men would exert in preserving the morale of the army. They taught the boys to give and take, to strike at the enemy and also to elude the foe. The lessons were not alone a practical demonstration of the manly art of self defense but they gave the fighting men of the United States a drilling that served them well in many hard to hand engagements. It was a body of American engineers at a bureau Thierry who checked the advance of the German hordes with nothing better than their naked fists and an occasional pick and shovel which they could pick up when surprised by their French support falling back and leaving them to their own devices. The boxing dexterity of these engineers saved the day to the allies and the experience, is one of the noblest pages in the history of the war. Had the engineers been coddled according to the Boyle system they would have landed in German prisons or their bodies would have been crucified by the fiendish legions of the kaiser. Nevada is not afraid of suffering in reputation by legalizing prize fighting or boxing contests or whatever you choose to call them. If the voters of Nevada were looking for civic virtue of the Boyle kind they would have organized sewing schools or knitting contests to work out crazy quilt patterns and build up a race of old women instead of the virile manhood the twentieth century demands. The sentiment of the senate and assembly seems to be pretty well fixed on this point and the best thing to do is to set at once in overriding the veto and opening the doors of Nevada to all events looking to building up a race of giants who will do credit to the sagebrush.

OUR LIGHTNING CHANGE PRESIDENT

TWO years ago President Wilson made his campaign on the slogan that he was too proud to fight and the kept us out of war. Now he is boldly strutting on the White House stage as a changed man for "I have fighting blood in me," he declared at Boston where the plumed beaunetiers were startled into recognition that a great change had come over the spirit of the executive elected on a pacifist platform. Wilson permitted the United States flag to be insulted at every crossroads in Mexico. American citizens burned alive and their property confiscated by hands of bloody cutthroats whom no other government would have endured for forty-eight hours without affirming its intention of mopping up the earth with the guilty instigators. In his declaration that "I have fighting blood in me" and his challenge to the opposing senators to test the sentiment of the people it is apparent that the president has acquired a new and more vigorous diplomacy from his contact with Clemenceau and Lloyd George. He has returned home with a chip on his shoulder, the master, rather than the servant of the nation. But the president must remember that the American people are alert for the first symptom of braggadocio in those to whom they entrust the government of the nation; that they resented the use of the big stick in the hands of one of their most popular idols. One admires in President Wilson his unbending spirit of independence but it is regretted that he does not extend to those with whom he comes in contact a right to equal independence. The keynote of his Boston address was a demand for a show of force between himself and the senate opposition, an appeal from the senate to the people. An attitude less belligerent and more conciliatory would achieve quicker and more satisfactory results.

There would be less senatorial opposition to the League of Nations if the president had accepted the assistance of the Republican leaders to aid in winning the war, as a partnership and not as a surrender. The results of the November election prove clearly that the country is Republican and the attitude of the country dur-

ing the progress of the war showed that it was loyal to its commander-in-chief, regardless of party distinction. If President Wilson had responded to this patriotic sentiment by forming a coalition cabinet after the plan that brought Lloyd George so signal a victory in Britain; if he had discovered that all the virtues of the country was not possessed by a coterie of southern Democrats; if he had displayed the slightest spirit of conciliation and not treated his political opponents as unfit to be trusted with governmental responsibilities, he would not find himself confronted with such strong opposition.

\$9,000,000 TUNNEL FROM ISLE OF HONDO

(By Associated Press)

TOKIO, March 1.—A bill providing for the expenditure of about \$9,000,000 for the construction of the railroad tunnel under Shimonostrait, it is reported, will be introduced in the coming session of the diet. The Shimonostrait tunnel separates the southwest corner of the island of Hondo from the terminus of the central railway system, with its

southern neighbor island, Kishu. The building of this tunnel has been under consideration for a long time owing to the rapid tide which makes difficult the operation of the railway ferry between the main island and Kishu. The proposed tunnel will be three and one-half miles in length, one mile being under the sea bed at a depth of 80 feet. The plan includes a road for two passengers.

Has Faith in Future of Russian People

Correspondence Associated Press: VLADIVOSTOK, Jan. 16.—Dr. Vasily Gerasimov, member of the Green national council, has faith in the ability of the Russians to reconstruct an army provided a stable government can be established in Russia. At the moment, he admits, everything is against such an effort.

The soldiers are not properly fed, nor clothed, nor paid. They are kept in barracks with nothing to occupy them. They serve one government today and perhaps another tomorrow, and that demoralizes them. The first necessity," said Dr. Gerasimov, "is the suppression of Bolshevik tyranny and the re-establishment of peace throughout Russia. To accomplish this the allies will have to send troops to Russia, as distinct from Siberia. Three divisions of troops would be more than enough to accomplish their suppression and would absolutely guarantee a state of peace from one end of Russia to the other. The presence of allied troops alone would have a tremendous effect toward pacifying the country. A popular assembly could be called and a government elected by the will of the whole nation.

It would not be necessary for the allies to keep troops in Russia for more than a few months. With an organized government established by the will of the majority and supported by the armed forces of the country, there would be no armed opposition. I am confident that a sufficiently large army could be assembled at once which would be loyal to such a government and afford it all the force necessary. Within a few months the allied troops could be removed. Such aid from the allies would be welcomed by the whole Russian nation and would in a short time bring about the desired end. Otherwise Russia will be given over to anarchy which will endanger the country for many years to come.

Admiral Kolchak (head of the all-Russian government at Omsk) has made the mistake of announcing himself dictator. The word is enough to make the average Russian fight. They want no more dictators. If Kolchak were given the aid of the

BIG TRAIN FERRY OF WAR CLOSED

(By Associated Press) RICHMOND, Eng., March 1.—This train ferry port, which has sprung up during the war in about to be released from government control and taken over by the South Eastern railway. It was from this port, between Deal and Ramsgate, that most of the war material, locomotives and whole trains were transported to the western front in France.

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TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE IN PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 16.—The 25th triennial conclave of the Knights Templar and Knights of the United States will convene in Philadelphia in September, 1917. The Philadelphia temple which was the Knights Templar tribute to the city of the Liberty Bell and the city of the Independence Hall, will be the scene of the conclave. The Knights Templar and Knights of the United States will be joined with the other knights of the world in the city of the Liberty Bell and the city of the Independence Hall.

Almost immediately after the conclave for the triennial conclave of the Knights Templar and Knights of the United States will be the conclave of the Knights of the United States. The Knights of the United States will be joined with the other knights of the world in the city of the Liberty Bell and the city of the Independence Hall. The Knights of the United States will be joined with the other knights of the world in the city of the Liberty Bell and the city of the Independence Hall.

AMERICAN DEPORTED FROM OLD MEXICO (By Associated Press) SAN ANTONIO, March 1.—Admiral G. W. B. Smith, U. S. N., has been ordered to leave Mexico City, Mexico, and return to the United States. The admiral was ordered to leave Mexico City, Mexico, and return to the United States. The admiral was ordered to leave Mexico City, Mexico, and return to the United States.

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